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# Georgia's HOPE Programs FY22

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# Agenda

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- Overview of the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC)
- HOPE Program
- The Application Process
- Award Amounts



# Georgia Student Finance Commission

*Mission: To promote and increase access to education  
beyond high school for Georgians.*



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# State Aid Programs

- Dual Enrollment
- Georgia Military College State Service Scholarship
- Georgia National Guard Service Cancelable Loan
- HERO Scholarship Public Safety Memorial Grant
- HOPE Program
- REACH Scholarship
- Scholarship for Engineering Education
- Tuition Equalization Grant
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- FAFSA Completion Workshops
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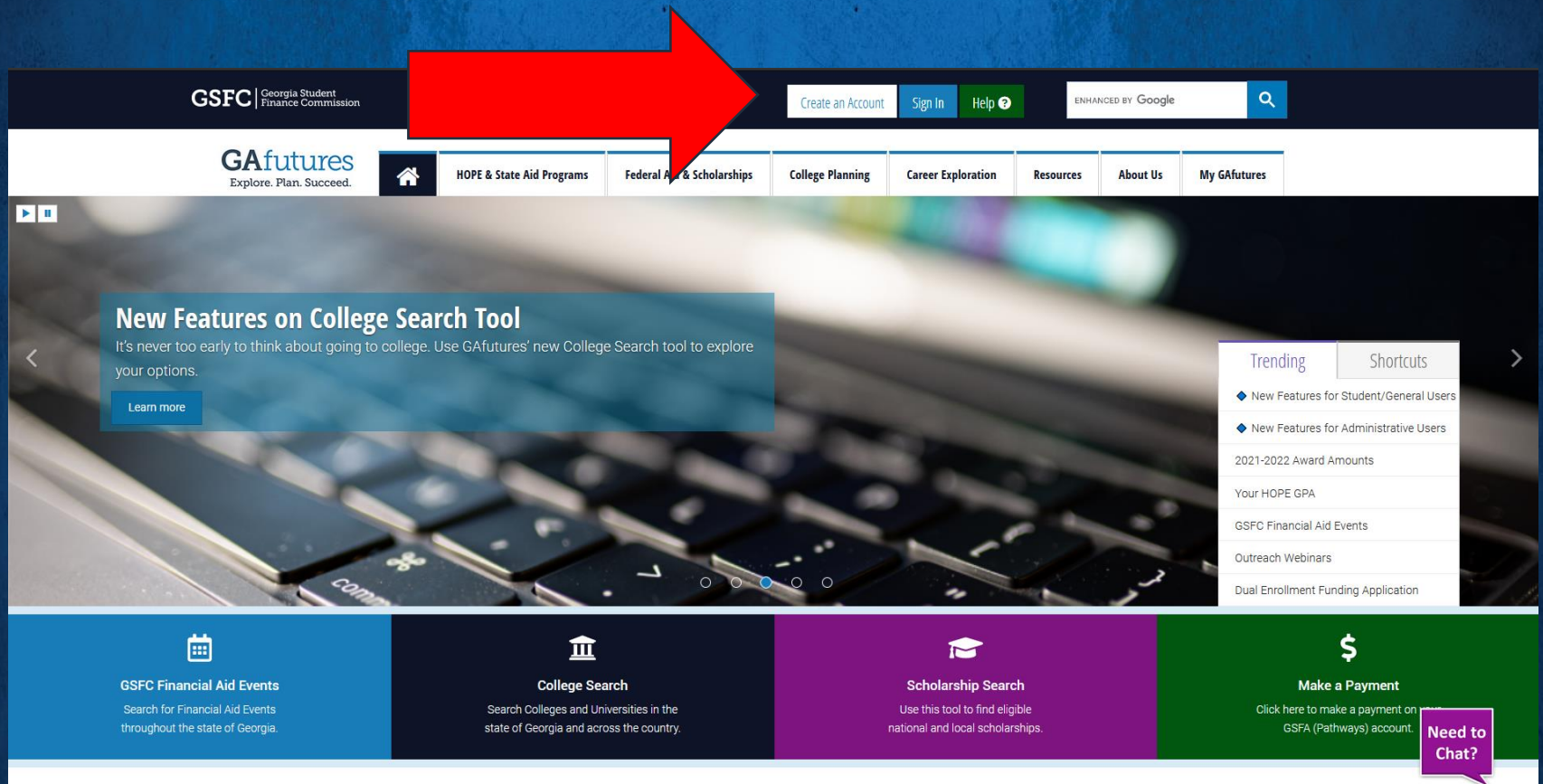
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# Trivia

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- A. 1991
- B. 1992
- C. 1993
- D. 1994



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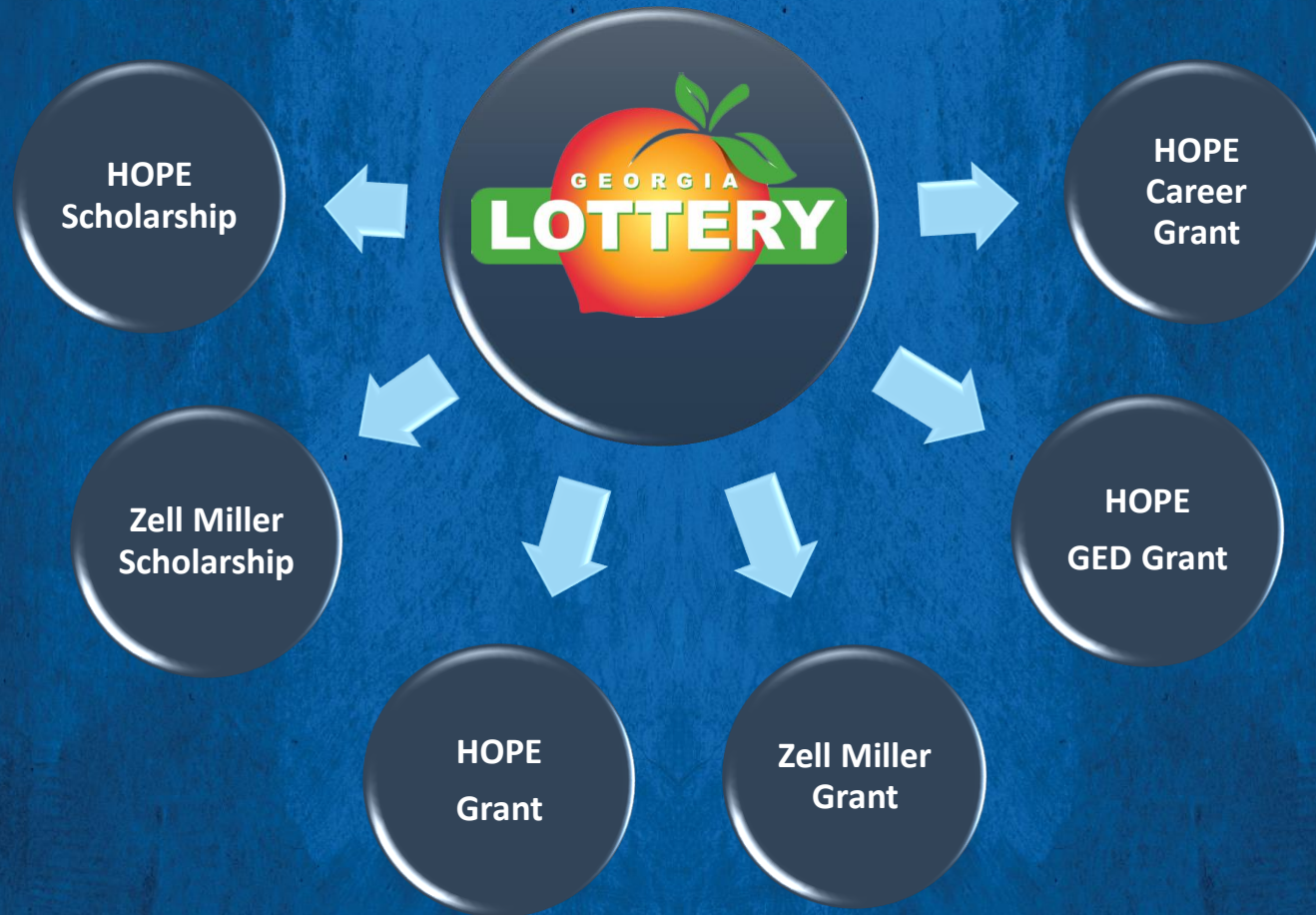
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# FY 21 Eligible Institutions

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\*last year of eligibility

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# HOPE Program

- General Eligibility Requirements
  - Meet U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements
  - Be a legal resident of Georgia
  - Be registered with the Selective Service, if required
  - Be in compliance with the Georgia Drug-Free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990
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- A. Georgia State University
- B. Gwinnett Technical College
- C. Albany State University
- D. Savannah State University



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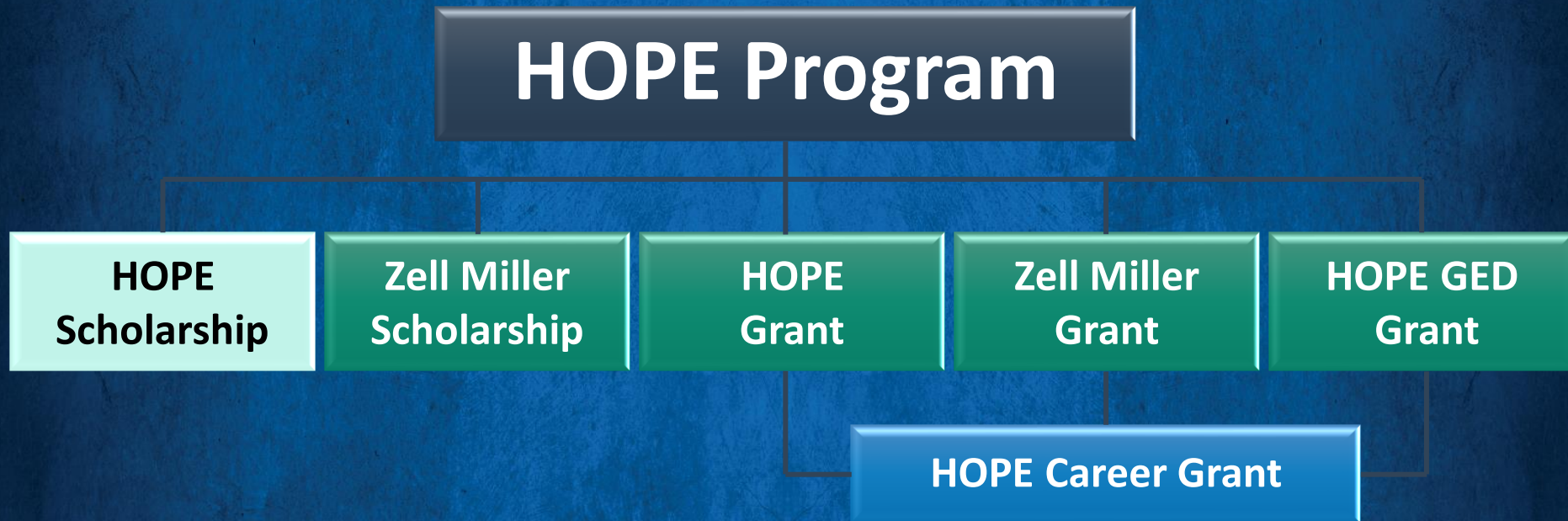
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# HOPE Scholarship





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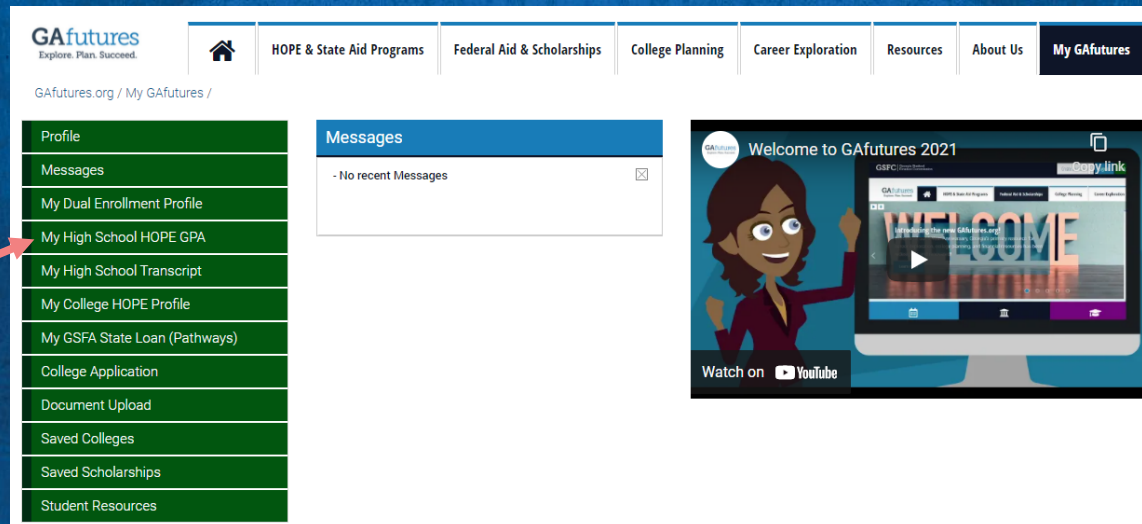
- Graduate with a 3.0 high school HOPE GPA
- 4 academically rigorous course credits
- Student must pursue an associate or bachelor degree





# My High School HOPE GPA

- As calculated by GSFC
- Only core courses from 9th through 12th grade
- Transcripts are uploaded by the high school
- 4 academically rigorous course credits

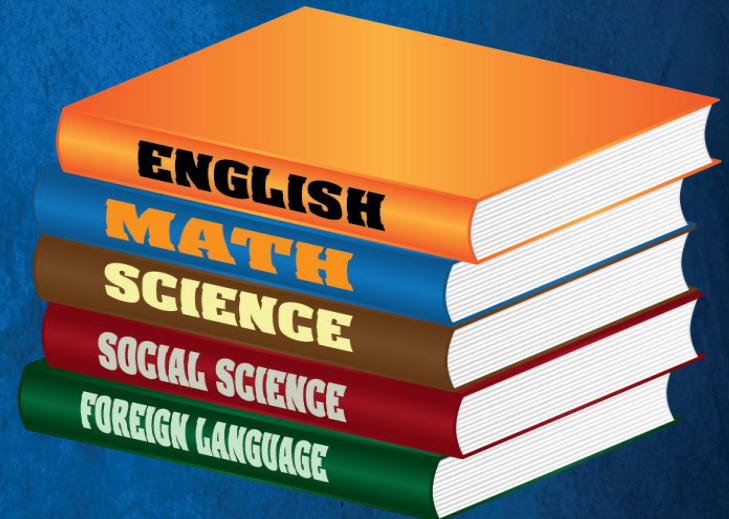




# Academically Rigorous Courses

Courses must be on Academic Rigor Course List. This includes:

- Advanced Placement (AP)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Dual Enrollment in degree level core subjects
- Advanced math
- Advanced science
- Foreign language





# Maintaining the HOPE Scholarship

Students must maintain 3.0 college HOPE GPA at all checkpoints including:

- End of every **Spring** semester/quarter
- 30/45 attempted semester/quarter hours
- 60/90 attempted semester/quarter hours
- 90/135 attempted semester/quarter hours
- Three-Term Checkpoint, if enrolled less than full-time for first three semesters/quarters



# College HOPE GPA

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College students receiving HOPE/Zell Miller funds



# College HOPE GPA

- As calculated by GSFC
- Calculated every semester/quarter
- Includes all attempted COLLEGE hours even if HOPE wasn't received
- STEM courses are weighted .5 for all grades except an A and F
- High school Dual Enrollment courses are not included



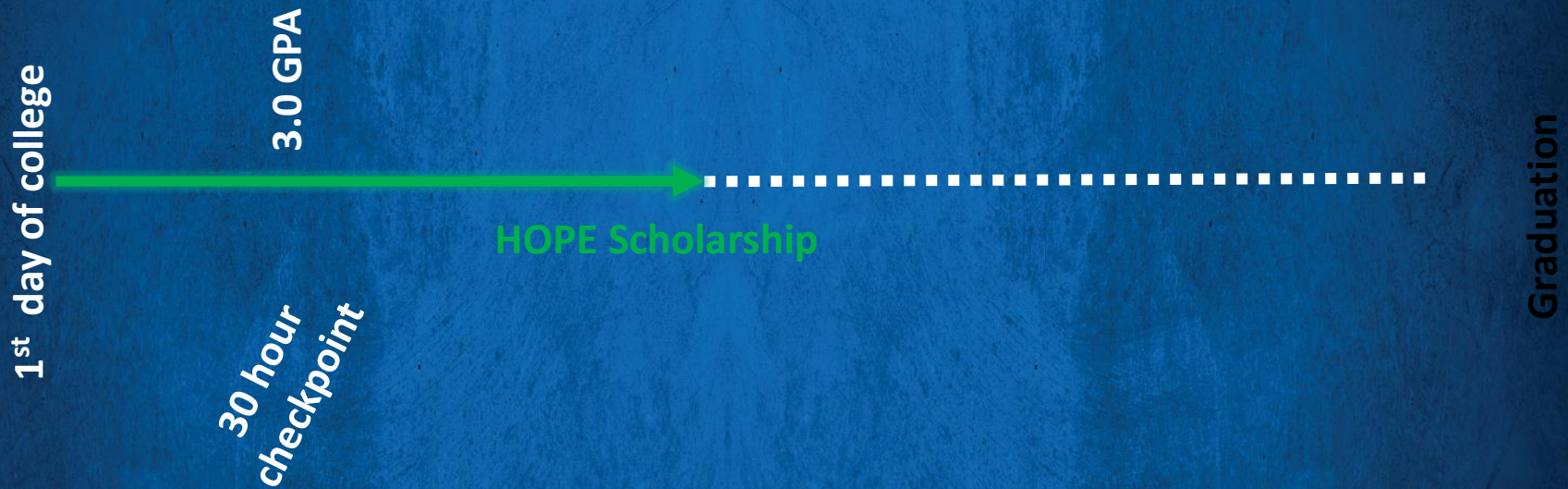


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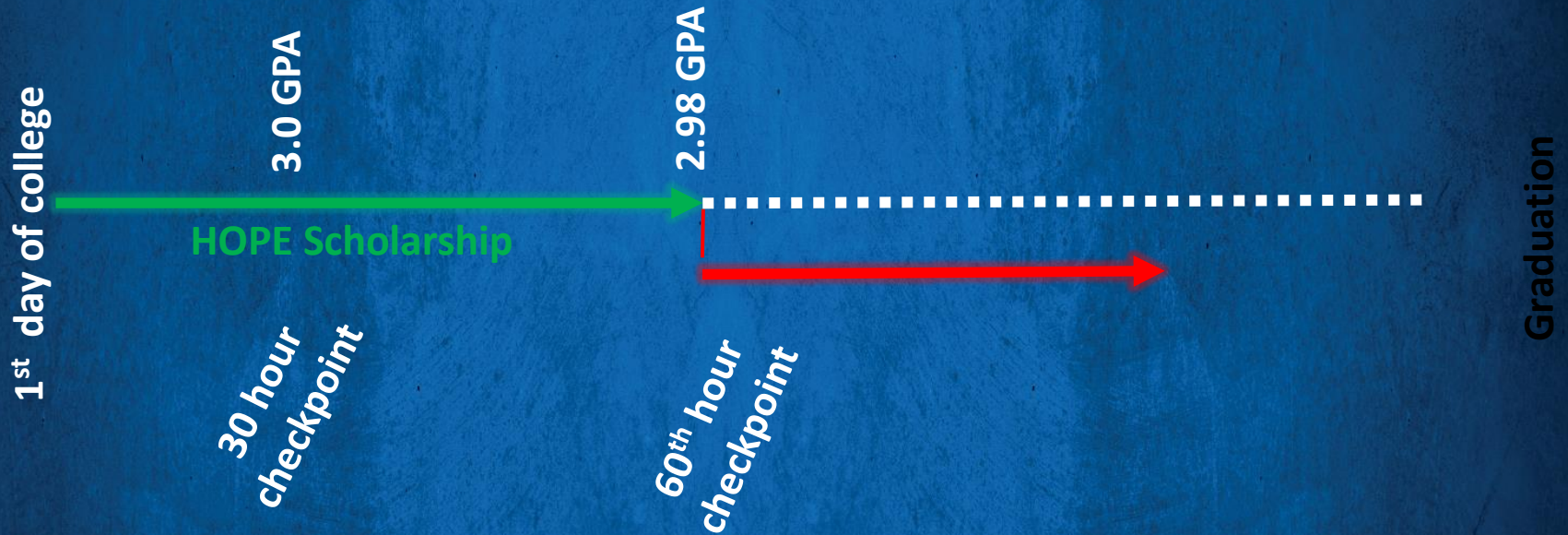
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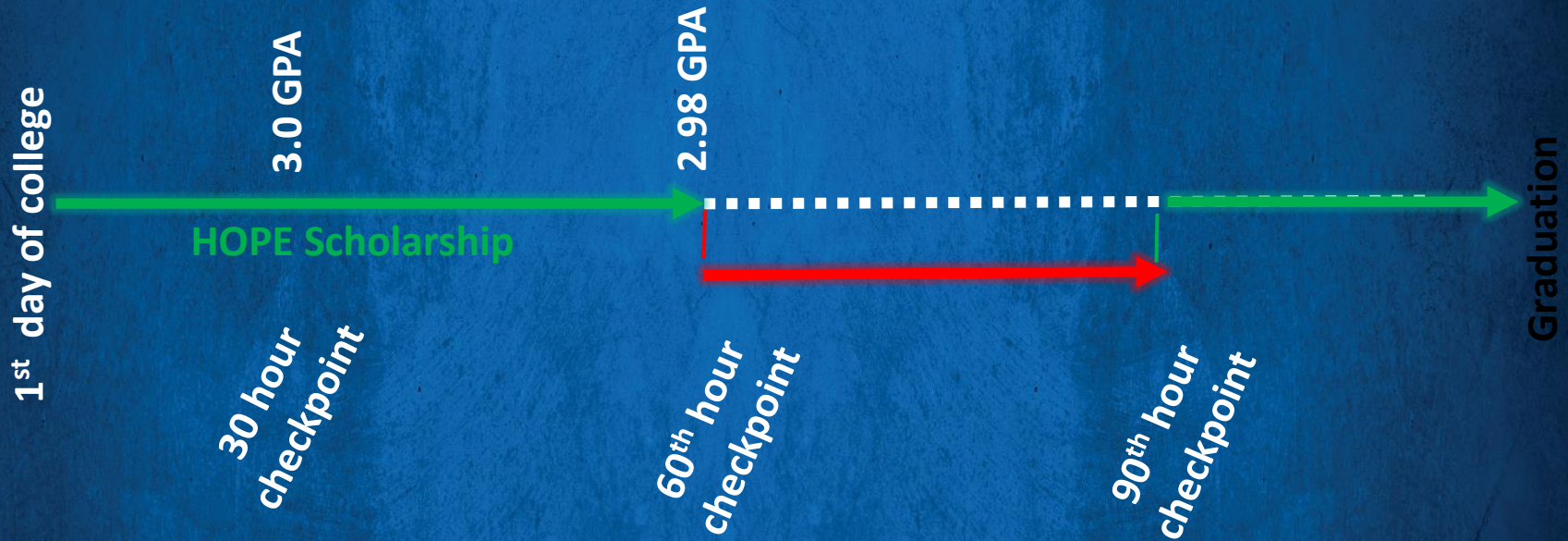
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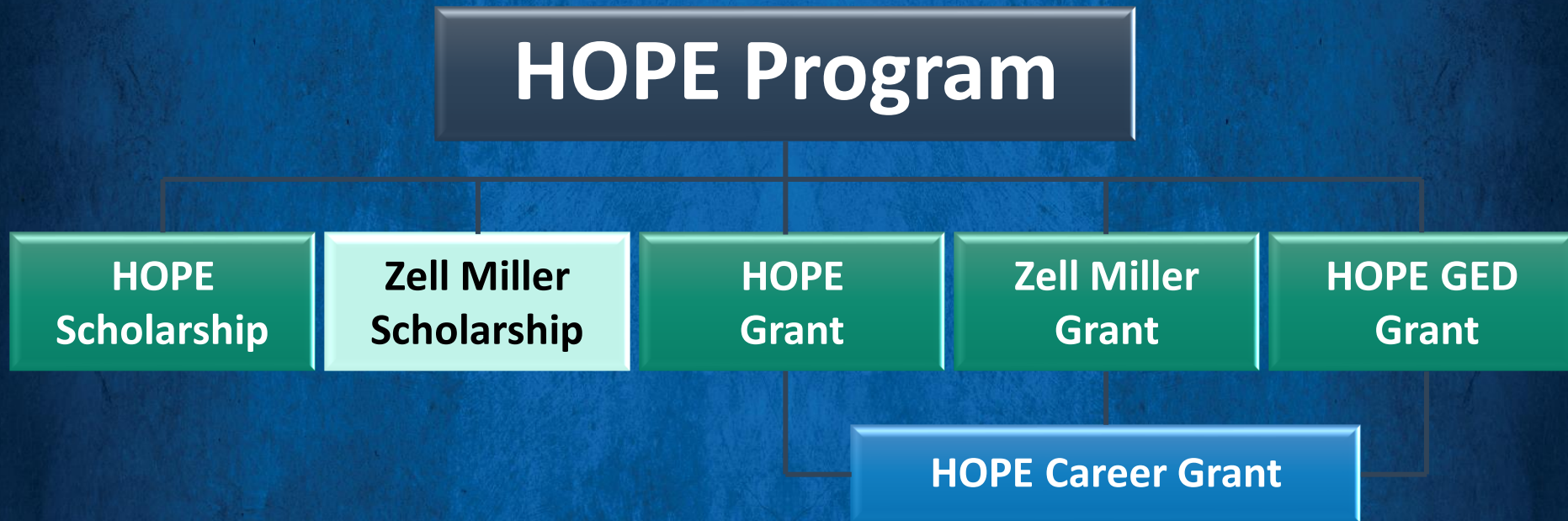
# HOPE Scholarship

- Key Notes:
  - Regain HOPE eligibility one time and only at an attempted hour checkpoint
  - Dual Enrollment classes are not counted towards:
    - the college HOPE GPA
    - attempted HOPE hours (unless Bridge Funding was used)
  - The HOPE Scholarship can be earned while attending an eligible institution





# Zell Miller Scholarship





# Eligibility Requirements

## Rigor Requirements and one of the following:

Designated valedictorian or salutatorian

**AND**

- Meet minimum HOPE eligibility requirements

- Minimum 3.7 high school HOPE GPA, as calculated by GSFC, in core curriculum courses

**AND**

- 1200 SAT total test score

**OR**

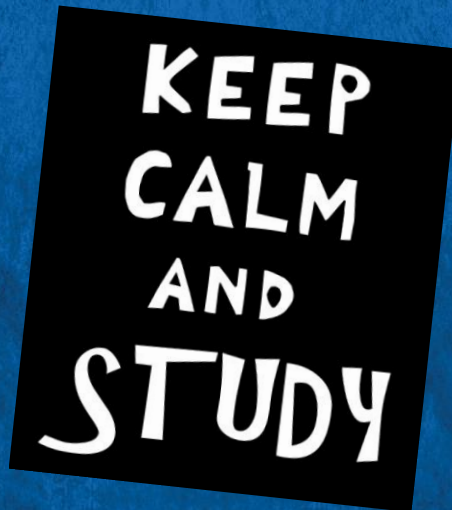
- 26 ACT composite score





# Maintaining the Zell Miller Scholarship

- Students must maintain 3.3 college HOPE GPA at following checkpoints:
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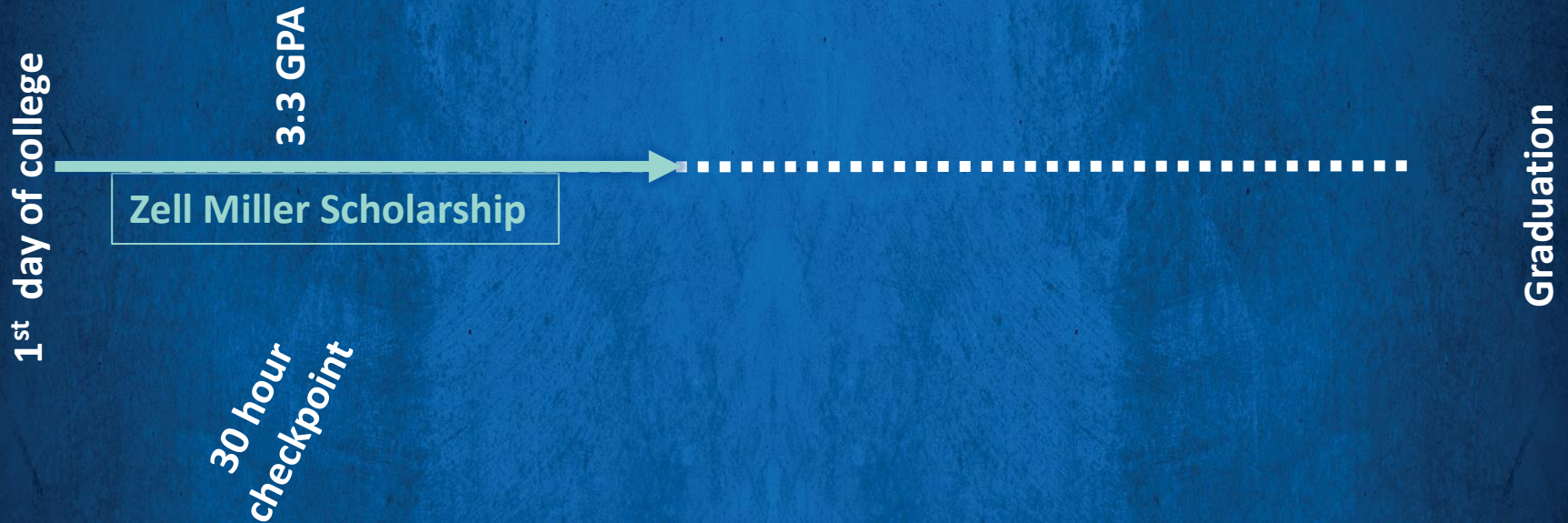


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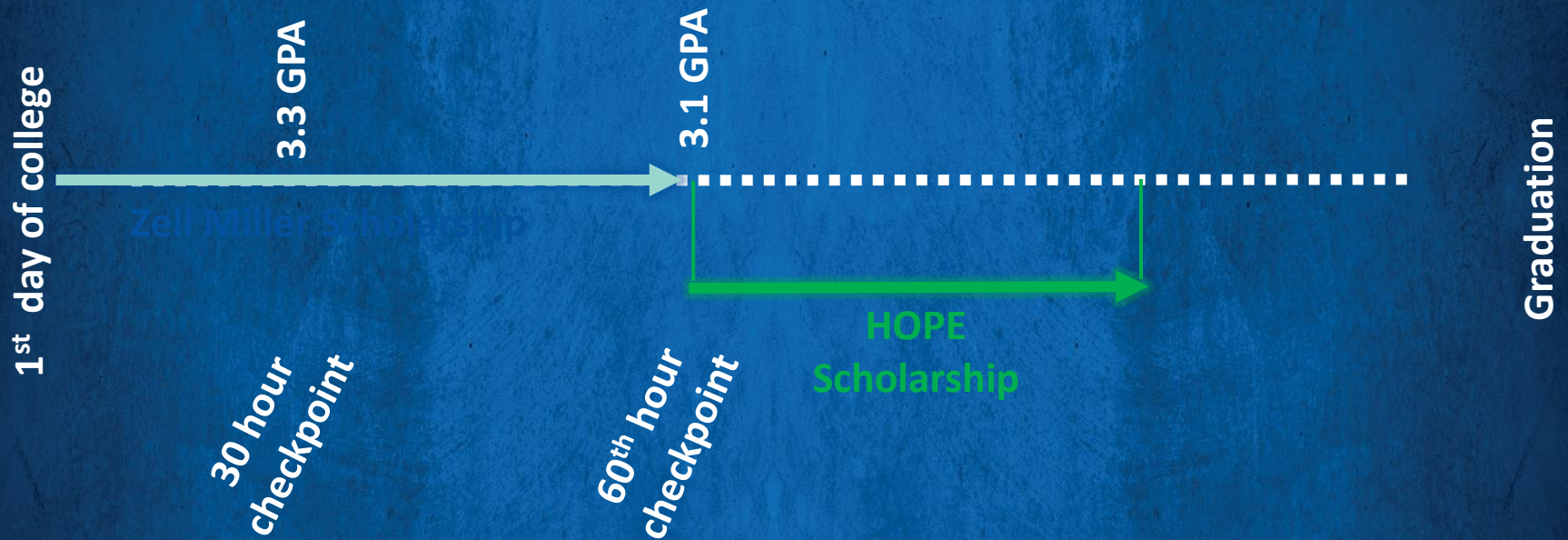
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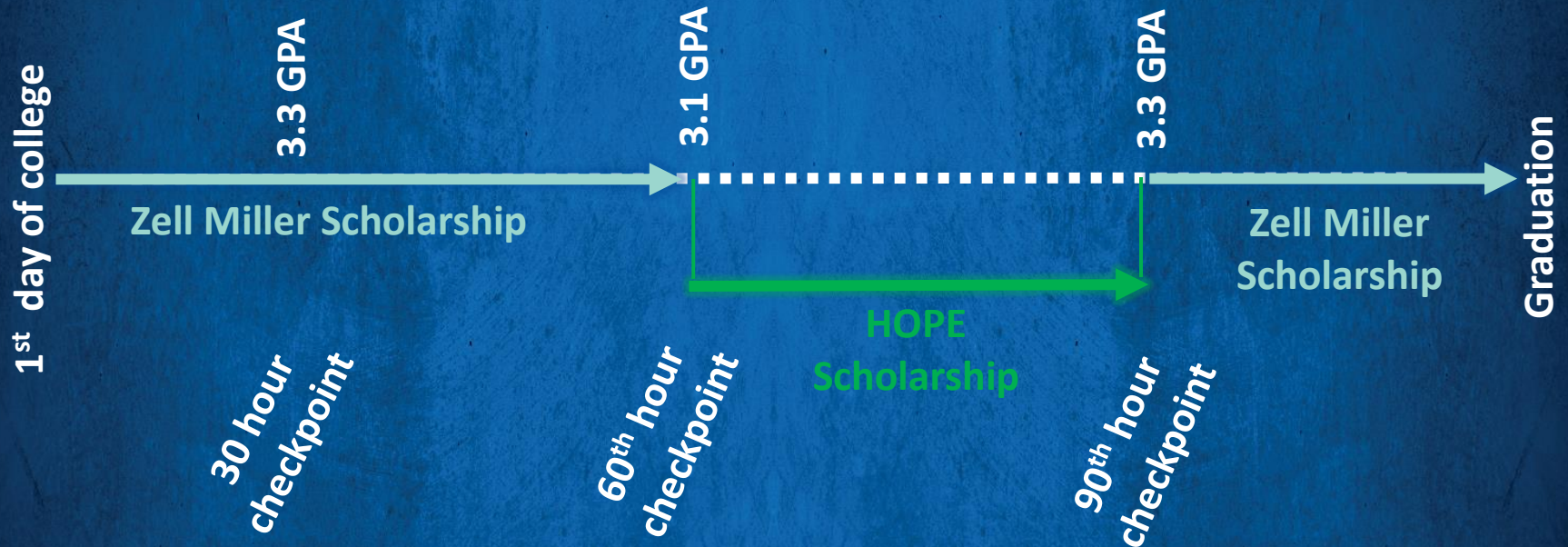
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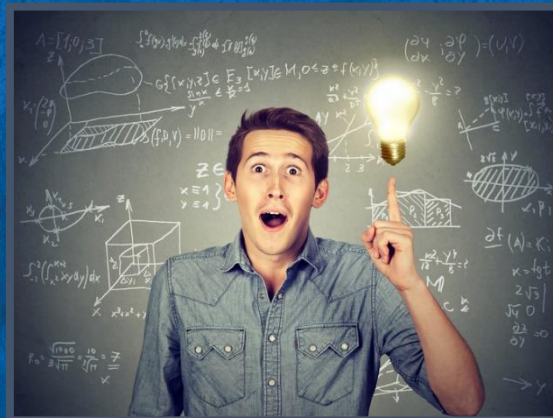


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# Zell Miller Scholarship

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  - Dual Enrollment classes are not counted towards:
    - the college HOPE GPA
    - attempted HOPE hours (unless Bridge Funding was used)
  - The Zell Miller Scholarship can be only earned at high school graduation





# HOPE vs Zell Miller Scholarship

	HOPE Scholarship	Zell Miller Scholarship
High school HOPE GPA	3.0	3.7
Rigor	4	4
SAT	N/A	1200
ACT	N/A	26

*Students attending a HOPE eligible high school*



# HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarships

Students lose eligibility due to one of the following:

- Not met the GPA requirements at the checkpoints
- Attempt 127 semester credit hours or 190 quarter credit hours
- Failing to use funds within 10 years of high school graduation
- Earn a bachelors degree





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Is there State Aid available to Georgians who are **not** pursuing an associate or bachelor degree?





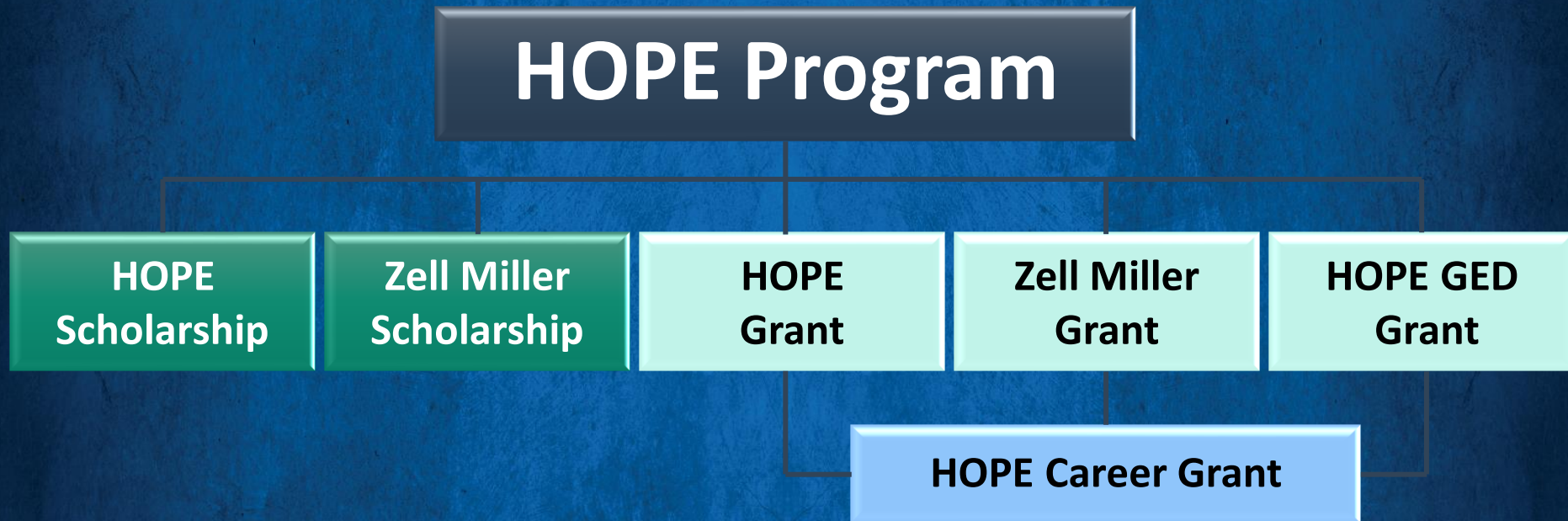
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# Grants





# HOPE Grant

## Eligibility Requirements:

- Enrolled in certificate or diploma program
- High school GPA and/or test scores not considered





# Terri's Story





# Maintaining the HOPE Grant

Students must maintain a 2.0 college cumulative GPA at the following checkpoints:

- 30, 60 semester paid hours
- Maximum 63 paid semester hours





# Zell Miller Grant

## Eligibility Requirements:

- Minimum 3.5 college cumulative GPA
- Checkpoints occur at the end of every term of enrollment
- Must be a HOPE Grant recipient initially





# Eligible Programs

- Movie Production and Set Design
- Computer Programming
- Computer Technology
- Practical Nursing
- Early Childhood Care and Education
- Welding and Joining Technology
- Precision Manufacturing
- Certified Engineer Technician
- Commercial Truck Driving
- Health Sciences
- Diesel Equipment Technology
- Industrial Maintenance Technology
- Automotive
- Aviation
- Construction
- Electrical Line Worker
- Logistics

HOPE  
CAREER  
GRANT



# HOPE Career Grant

## Key Notes

- Students must be eligible for and receive the HOPE Grant
- Maintain a 2.0 college cumulative GPA





# HOPE Bridge funding for high school students



# Option B Students

- Student must..
  - Reach DE 30-hour Funding Cap
  - Be enrolled in ANY certificate/diploma program
  - Meet all other HOPE Grant requirements (Residency, Citizenship, etc.)
- Student is eligible for HOPE Career Grant, if enrolled in an approved program of study

**Postsecondary institution will determine eligibility.**



# Non-Option B Students

- Student must..
  - Reach DE 30-hour Funding Cap
  - Be enrolled in an approved certificate/diploma program for HOPE Career Grant
  - Meet all other HOPE Grant requirements (Residency, Citizenship, etc.)

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# All DE Students

- **Key Notes:**

- HOPE Grant funding is limited to 63 semester paid hours
- The courses taken count against the 127 semester hours limit for the HOPE Programs after high school

**BUT**

- Are NOT calculated in the College HOPE GPA



# HOPE GED Grant

- Must earn their General Education Development (GED) diploma from an institution within the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG)
- Must use the grant within 24 months after the date of their GED diploma
- TCSG.edu



**Technical College**  
System of Georgia



# Trivia

What form would be used to apply for the HOPE Program?

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- B. The GSFAPPS
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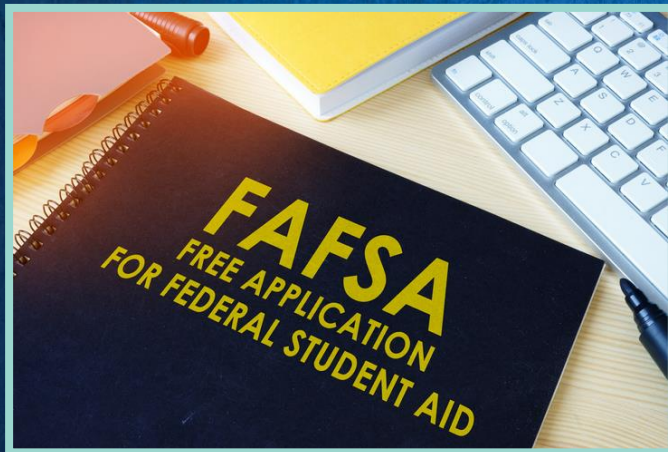




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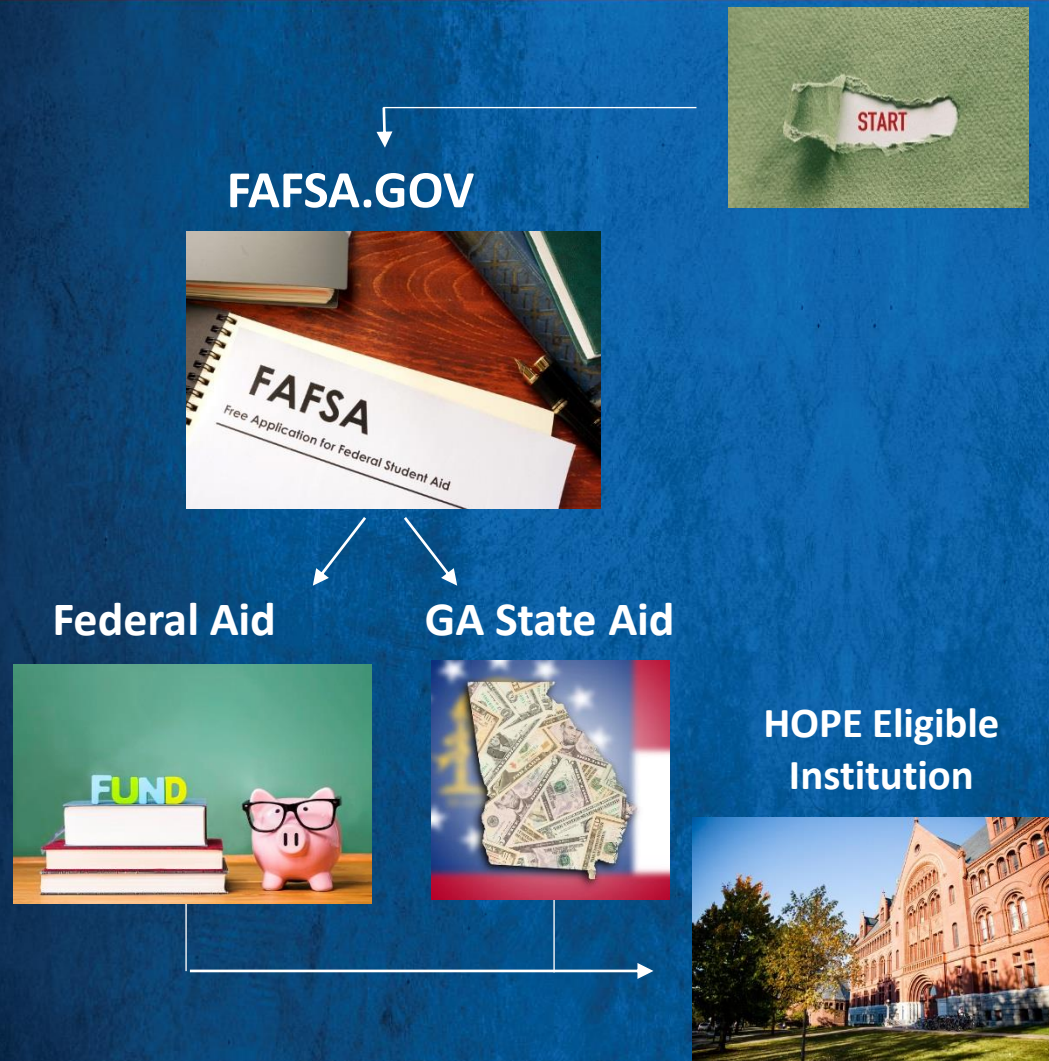


# Application and Process





# Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



- Available on October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Renew annually
- Determine eligibility for federal and state aid
- List up to 10 institutions



# The Georgia Student Finance Application (GSFAPPS)



- Determine eligibility for state aid **only**
- One-time application
- GAfutures account

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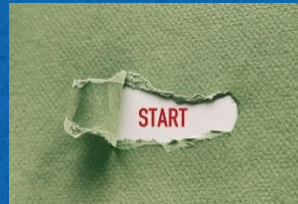
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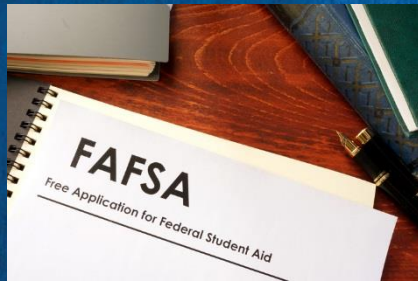




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	HOPE Scholarship	Zell Miller Scholarship
<b>Public Institutions</b>	portion of tuition	full standard tuition
<b>Private Institutions Full-time</b>	\$2,152 per semester (fall, spring, summer)  \$1,436 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)	\$2,808 per semester (fall, spring, summer)  \$1,914 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)

	HOPE Grant	Zell Miller Grant
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# HOPE Career Grant

Enrolled Semester Hours	Award Amounts
1-2 hours	\$125
3-8 hours	\$250
9+ hours	\$500



# HOPE Career Grant (Truck Driving)

Enrolled Semester Hours	Award Amounts
1-5 hours	\$333
6-8 hours	\$667
9+ hours	\$1000

*Award not to exceed \$1000.00 per truck driving program*



# HOPE GED Grant

- \$500 voucher for educational costs at an eligible institution:
  - Tuition
  - Books
  - Supplies
  - Other
- Voucher expires 24 consecutive months after issue date





# Questions?





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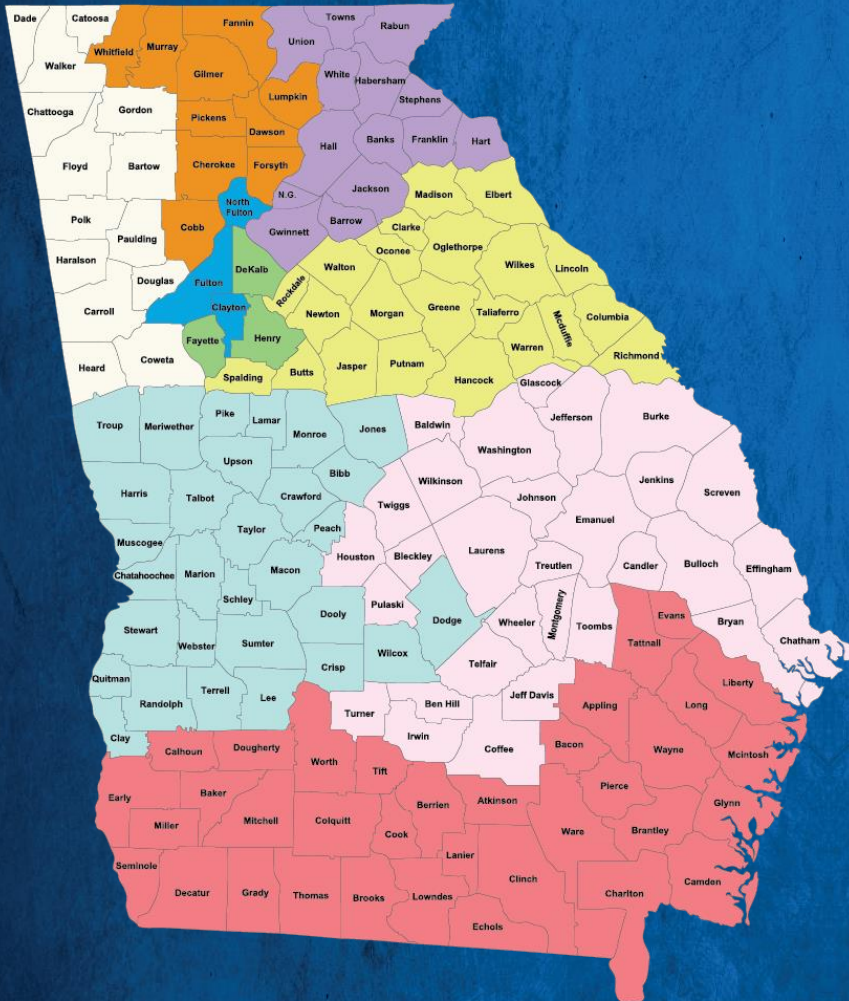






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